

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 41, 43-49 and 51-58 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 59-86 are added. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claims 1-58 (Canceled).

Claim 59 (New). A variant of a parent alpha-amylase, comprising a substitution of the amino acid at position 170 with Q, wherein

- (a) the parent alpha-amylase has at least 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 8,
- (b) the variant has alpha-amylase activity, and
- (c) the variant has 1-15 mutations relative to the parent alpha-amylase, and
- (d) each position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8.

Claim 60 (New). The variant of claim 59, wherein the parent alpha-amylase has at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO: 8.

Claim 61 (New). The variant of claim 59, wherein the parent alpha-amylase has at least 97% identity to SEQ ID NO: 8.

Claim 62 (New). The variant of claim 59, wherein the parent alpha-amylase has at least 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 8.

Claim 63 (New). The variant of claim 59, wherein the parent alpha-amylase comprises SEQ ID NO: 8.

Claim 64 (New). The variant of claim 59, wherein the 1-15 mutations are substitutions.

Claim 65 (New). The variant of claim 59, wherein the substitution of the amino acid at position 170 with Q is the only mutation.

Claim 66 (New). The variant of claim 59, which contains two mutations.

Claim 67 (New). The variant of claim 59, which contains three, four or five mutations.

Claim 68 (New). The variant of claim 59, which contains 6-12 mutations.

Claim 69 (New). A composition comprising an alpha-amylase variant of claim 59 and one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of glucoamylase, phytase and pullulanase.

Claim 70 (New). A detergent composition comprising an alpha-amylase variant of claim 59 and a surfactant.

Claim 71 (New). A variant of a parent alpha-amylase, comprising a substitution of the amino acid at position 170 with Q, wherein

- (a) the parent alpha-amylase has at least 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 6,
- (b) the variant has alpha-amylase activity, and
- (c) the variant has 1-15 mutations relative to the parent alpha-amylase, and
- (d) each position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID

NO: 8.

Claim 72 (New). The variant of claim 71, wherein the parent alpha-amylase has at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO: 6.

Claim 73 (New). The variant of claim 71, wherein the parent alpha-amylase has at least 97% identity to SEQ ID NO: 6.

Claim 74 (New). The variant of claim 71, wherein the parent alpha-amylase has at least 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 6.

Claim 75 (New). The variant of claim 71, wherein the parent alpha-amylase comprises SEQ ID NO: 6.

Claim 76 (New). The variant of claim 71, wherein the 1-15 mutations are substitutions.

Claim 77 (New). A composition comprising an alpha-amylase variant of claim 71 and one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of glucoamylase, phytase and pullulanase.

Claim 78 (New). A detergent composition comprising an alpha-amylase variant of claim 71 and a surfactant.

Claim 79 (New). A variant of a parent alpha-amylase, comprising a substitution of the amino acid at position 170 with Q, wherein

- (a) the parent alpha-amylase has at least 90% sequence identity to SEQ ID NO: 10,
- (b) the variant has alpha-amylase activity, and
- (c) the variant has 1-15 mutations relative to the parent alpha-amylase, and
- (d) each position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8.

Claim 80 (New). The variant of claim 79, wherein the parent alpha-amylase has at least 95% identity to SEQ ID NO: 10.

Claim 81 (New). The variant of claim 79, wherein the parent alpha-amylase has at least 97% identity to SEQ ID NO: 10.

Claim 82 (New). The variant of claim 79, wherein the parent alpha-amylase has at least 99% identity to SEQ ID NO: 10.

Claim 83 (New). The variant of claim 79, wherein the parent alpha-amylase comprises SEQ ID NO: 10.

Claim 84 (New). The variant of claim 79, wherein the 1-15 mutations are substitutions.

Claim 85 (New). A composition comprising an alpha-amylase variant of claim 79 and one or more enzymes selected from the group consisting of glucoamylase, phytase and pullulanase.

Claim 86 (New). A detergent composition comprising an alpha-amylase variant of claim 79 and a surfactant.